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STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF ERIE

PSAS 01 DOE,

SUMMONS

Plaintiff,

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Plaintiff designates Erie County as the place of trial. the basis of the venue Plaintiff's residence.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUFFALO 795 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14203,

Index No.:

ST. TERESA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 1974 Seneca Street Buffalo, New York 14210,

Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this Summons and Complaint, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons and Complaint are not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED:

Kenmore, New York September 16, 2019

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COMPLAINT

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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUFFALO 795 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14203,

ST. TERESA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 1974 Seneca Street Buffalo, New York 14210,

Defendants.

Plaintiff, by and through his attorneys, Pusatier, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarman LLP, for his Complaint states as follows:

- 1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, the Plaintiff was a resident of the County of Erie and State of New York.
- 2. Plaintiff brings this action under the New York State Child Victims Act. Plaintiff brings this action under a pseudonym to protect his privacy necessarily due to the intense reporting by the media. Plaintiff will disclose his identity to the Defendants in a confidential supplemental disclosure.
- 3. At all times hereinafter mentioned, The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo was and continues to conduct business in the State of New York with its principal place of business at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.
- 4. The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo is a corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of New York.

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5. The Defendant, St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church, was and continues to conduct

business in the State of New York with its principal place of business at 1974 Seneca Street,

Buffalo, New York 14210.

6. At all times hereinafter mentioned, St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church was and

continues to be a parish under the supervision, direction and control of the Catholic Diocese of

Buffalo.

7. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Father Basil Ormsby was a Roman Catholic

Priest employed by the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo and St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church.

8. The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo employed Father Basil Ormsby in a position where

he worked with, and around, Catholic children at St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church.

9. Plaintiff was a minor child of parishioners of St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church

and, as such, served as an altar boy.

During approximately 1981 through 1983 Father Ormsby had sexual contact, on 10.

more than one occasion, with the Plaintiff who was a minor at the time.

The culture of the Roman Catholic Church created pressure on Plaintiff not to report 11.

the sexual abuse.

12. The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo and St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church knew or

should have known, that Father Basil Ormsby was a danger to minor Catholic children before

Father Ormsby had sexual contact with the Plaintiff when he was a minor.

13. The Defendants were negligent by failing to protect the minor children at St. Teresa

Roman Catholic Church, by permitting Basil Ormsby to work at St. Teresa Roman Catholic

Church, by failing to train and supervise Father Basil Ormsby, by failing to investigate his

activities around minors and by allowing him to continue to work for them at St. Teresa Roman

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Catholic Church when they knew or should have known that he was a danger to the children of that parish.

- 14. As a result of the negligence of the Defendants, the Plaintiff sustained physical, emotional and psychological injuries.
- 15. The amount of damages sought in this action exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all Courts lower than the New York State Supreme Court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a money judgment against the Defendants.

DATED: Kenmore, New York September 16, 2019

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